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15 FAM 200 HOUSING ABROAD PROGRAM

Changes

1. **15 FAM 210, Policy and Responsibilities:** This subchapter has been revised throughout, with an emphasis on use of plain language. 15 FAM 212.6, Annual Market Survey of Housing, paragraph a, is new material regarding annual local market real estate surveys to gauge rental ceilings, availability, and cost of suitable housing.
2. **15 FAM 220, Establishing the Housing Profile:** This subchapter has been revised throughout, with an emphasis on use of plain language.
3. **15 FAM 230, Allocating Residential Space:** This subchapter has been revised throughout, with an emphasis on use of plain language. In 15 FAM 237B, Post Locality Types, Baghdad, Iraq, and Tripoli, Libya, have been added to the list.
4. **15 FAM 240, Using Residential Space:** This subchapter has been revised throughout, with an emphasis on use of plain language. 15 FAM 242, Contract/Third-Country National (TCN) Employees, new paragraph c, is information that applies to USAID only. 15 FAM 248, U.S. Marine Security Guard Quarters, contains new language that brings it in accord with language in the Memorandum of Agreement (MOA) between the Department of State and the U.S. Marine Corps.
5. **15 FAM 250, Housing Profile Procedures:** This subchapter has been revised throughout, with an emphasis on use of plain language. 15 FAM 253.5, Safety, Health, and Environmental Requirements, is a new section associated with safety, health, and environmental management (SHEM) requirements. 15 FAM 253.6, Seismic Safety (Guidance-Selected Posts Only), is a new section on seismic considerations for applicable posts.

6. **15 FAM 260, Guidelines for Allocating Residential Space:** This subchapter has been revised throughout, with an emphasis on use of plain language.
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